

**S&W MODEL SW1911 NO. 178017 9MM, \$1683**

**GUN TESTS GRADE: B+**

The only way to tell this is not a 45 is to look at the muzzle, or read the bold stamping on the chamber. We thought this was a handsome example of a 1911, with enough contrasting colors to set it off from the crowd.



**SPECIFICATIONS**

OVERALL LENGTH .....	8.5 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT .....	5.7 IN.
BARREL LENGTH .....	5.0 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS .....	6.8 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT .....	3.0 IN.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT .....	3.5 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED .....	41 OZ.
CAPACITY .....	10+1
MAXIMUM WIDTH .....	1.5 IN.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX) .....	1.5 IN.
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX) .....	5.6 IN.
FRAME MATERIAL/FINISH .....	MATTE STAINLESS STEEL
BARREL .....	STAINLESS STEEL
SLIDE MATERIAL/FINISH .....	MATTE STAINLESS STEEL
GRIP MATERIAL/FINISH .....	STIPPLED WOOD
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION .....	3.4 LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION .....	3.6 IN.
WARRANTY .....	NONE WRITTEN
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**Right:** Takedown was typical 1911, with the addition of a non-fussy extended rod for the slide spring (arrow). All the parts inside and out showed very fine finish and excellent workmanship. **Inset:** One of the nicer aspects of a nice gun was this 30-lpi checkering on the front grip strap. Note also the magazine extension for faster reloading. The two



mags each held 10 rounds in a single column. You can see the slight swell to the grips, which was subtle but pleasant. Some thought the grips were too fat, though.



**Right:** Here's the working end of the 9mm SW1911, showing the two-sided main safety levers (arrows), and the clean workmanship of the gun. The rear sight with its white dots could be drifted for windage and locked with the Allen screw barely visible on its top. We didn't need to move 'em.



**Right:** Note the wavy lines to the slide serrations, a clever touch. This gun had one of the finest triggers we've experienced on any handgun. It broke cleanly at 3.4 pounds. The great trigger and heft made shooting the SW1911 a pure pleasure.

